

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

MASAHIRO NISHIO

Application No.: 09/859,499

Filed: May 18, 2001

For: NETWORK CONTROL
APPARATUS AND METHOD

Examiner: Y. Dalencourt

Group Art Unit: 2157

January 4, 2005

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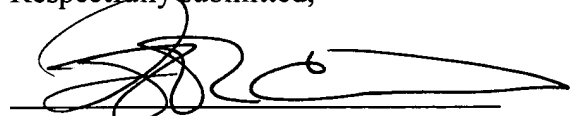
Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying Form PTO-1449 (copy attached) were submitted in the subject application on December 18, 2003. To date, an initialed copy of the Form PTO-1449 has not yet been returned by the Examiner.

It is therefore requested that the Examiner initial and return the attached Form PTO-1449 and return it to Applicant's undersigned attorney.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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